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In re Patent Application of: Yasuyuki Tanaka et al.

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For: DEPROTEINIZED NATURAL RUBBER, ITS

COMPOSITION AND USE THEREOF

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REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated September 19, 2008, the period for replying having been extended two (2) months to February 19, 2009, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes: An Amended Set of Claims and

Remarks.